Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An event announcement method for a mobile computing device that has an event announcement device coupled to the computing device via a stereo output interface having first, second and third portions, the computing device executing a control program, the method comprising:

detecting an event associated with a Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) call;

determining whether an external speaker system separate from a speaker internal to the computing device is directly physically connected to the stereo output interface via the first and third portions;

determining whether a second external speaker system separate from the speaker internal to the computing device is connected to the output interface via the second and third portions;

~~determining whether the event announcement device directly physically coupled to the computing device comprises external speaker separate from a speaker internal to the computing device~~; and

generating, selectively, a predetermined event announcement signal based on the determination of whether the event announcement device is **[[**an**]]** the external speaker system or the in-the-ear speaker system.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising connecting the event announcement device to the computing device using a stereo jack.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the event announcement device further comprises an external speaker separate from the speaker internal to the computing device and a set of headphones both connected to the stereo jack of the computing device and wherein the generation of the event announcement signal further comprises generating a sound signal by the external speaker.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the connecting further comprises electrically connecting the external speaker to a first channel of the stereo jack and electrically connecting the set of headphones to a second channel of the stereo jack.

5. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the event announcement device further comprises an in-ear headphone separate from the speaker internal to the computing device plugged into the stereo jack and wherein generating the event announcement signal further comprises generating a sound signal by the internal speaker.

6. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the event announcement device further comprises a set of headphones separate from the speaker internal to the computing device and wherein generating the event announcement signal further comprises generating a sound signal by the internal speaker.

7. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the event announcement device further comprises a buzzer separate from the speaker internal to the computing device and wherein generating the event announcement signal further comprises generating a sound signal by the internal speaker.

8. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the event announcement device further comprises a buzzer and a set of headphones separate from the speaker internal to the computing device and wherein generating the event announcement signal further comprises generating a sound signal generated by the internal speaker.

9. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the event announcement device further comprises a buzzer and an in-ear headphone separate from the speaker internal to the computing device and wherein generating the event announcement signal further comprises generating a sound signal generated by the internal speaker.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the event further comprises an incoming telephone call.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the event further comprises an incoming VoIP telephone call.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the event further comprises an

incoming electronic mail message.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the event further comprises an incoming page.

14. (Currently Amended) An event announcement system for a computing device, comprising:

a computing device;

an event announcement device coupled to the computing device via a stereo output interface having first, second and third portions; and

a control program being executed by the computing device that manages Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) calls and controls the event announcement of the computing device, the control program further comprising instructions that determine the type of the event announcement device directly physically coupled to the computing device via the first and third portions and to determine whether a second type of event announcement device is coupled to the second and third portions, and instructions that generate a predetermined event announcement signal based on the determined type of event announcement device and whether an external speaker separate from a speaker internal to the computing device is attached to the computing device.

15. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the computing device further comprises a stereo jack into which the event announcement device is coupled.

16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein the event announcement device further comprises an external speaker separate from a speaker internal to the computing device and a set of headphones both connected to the stereo jack of the computing device and wherein the event announcement signal further comprises a sound signal generated by the speaker.

17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the external speaker is electrically connected to a first channel of the stereo jack and wherein the set of headphones is electrically connected to a second channel of the stereo jack.

18. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the event announcement device further comprises an in-ear headphone separate from the speaker internal to the computing device plugged into the stereo jack and wherein the event announcement signal further comprises a sound signal generated by the internal speaker.

19. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the event announcement device further comprises a set of headphones separate from the speaker internal to the computing device and wherein the event announcement signal further comprises a sound signal generated by the internal speaker.

20. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the event announcement device further comprises a buzzer separate from the speaker internal to the computing device and wherein the event announcement signal further comprises a sound signal

generated by the internal speaker.

21. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the event announcement device further comprises a buzzer and a set of headphones separate from the speaker internal to the computing device and wherein the event announcement signal further comprises a sound signal generated by the internal speaker.

22. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the event announcement device further comprises a buzzer and an in-ear headphone separate from the speaker internal to the computing device and wherein the event announcement signal further comprises a sound signal generated by the internal speaker.

23. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the stereo jack further comprises a portion which leaves an internal speaker of the computing device connected and a second portion which connects an external event announcement device to the computing device so that both the internal speaker and the external event announcement device are capable of generating the predetermined event announcement signal.

24. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the computing device further comprises a personal digital assistant.

25. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the event further comprises an incoming telephone call.

26. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the event further comprises an incoming VoIP telephone call.

27. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the event further comprises an incoming electronic mail message.

28. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the event further comprises an incoming page.

29. (Canceled)